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Military and Overseas Voters, Submit your Ballot Request for the General Election!

There are only eight weeks until the November 2nd general election! If you have not already requested your absentee ballot, do so immediately. It's simple and it's fast. Go to FVAP.gov and use our online registration and absentee ballot assistant to have your forms completed, printed out, and ready to send back home in less than 10 minutes.

States begin mailing ballots September 18 (45 days before the general election), however, due to mail delays, you may not get your ballot in time to vote, return it and have it counted. So don't delay and submit your absentee ballot application today.

As of September 1, the Military Postal Service Agency began providing free expedited ballot delivery and ballot tracking information to your local election office for military and their family members stationed overseas. Go to your local post office or postal clerk and use the Label 11 - DoD on your absentee ballot and mail it. You will then be able to track the status of your ballot on the U.S. Postal Service website at www.usps.com.

If you do not receive your ballot by October 2, use the Federal Write-In Absentee Ballot (FWAB) as your back-up ballot! Go to FVAP.gov and use our automated assistant to complete the FWAB. For each office for which you vote, write in either a candidate's name or their party designation; check your State election website for candidate information, which generally is available 45 days before the election. If you receive your State ballot after submitting the FWAB, vote and return the State ballot as well. The State will only count your FWAB if your State ballot is not received by the deadline.

Additional information

For more information, visit FVAP at: www.fvap.gov.

We want your feedback! If you would like more information on the Federal Voting Assistance Program or need help with the absentee voting process, please contact FVAP at www.fvap.gov, 1-800-438-8683, DSN (312) 425-1584, or at vote@fvap.gov. Toll-free phone numbers from 67 countries are listed at: www.fvap.gov/contact/tollfreephone.html. With your feedback, we can make this even more helpful for the next election.